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Severe Weather Preparedness Week is time to ready for storms

Illinois is no stranger to strong storms and tornadoes and the National Weather Service is reminding people to prepare during Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 4-8.

During the week, Illinois residents are encouraged to consider thunderstorms, tornados and flooding and what they and their families should do in each event.

Tornadoes are the most severe of Illinois storms. Information provided by Vermilion County Emergency Management Agency (VCEMA) shows Vermilion County listed as #9 in the list of top 10 Illinois counties with the most tornadoes. Based on a 30-year rolling average, (1994-2023) Illinois averaged 58 tornadoes each year. Illinois also led all states in the number of tornadoes last year, with 121.

The National Weather Service (NWS) recommends thinking now about how to deal with a tornado, if one should occur.

Beforehand, make sure family members know the safe location in your home. Store an emergency kit, with food and medicine for family and pets, water, lights, medical

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supplies, pet supplies and an emergency radio in the safe location. Identify where to go if you are at work or school and make a family communication plan.

During a tornado, go to your safe location or storm shelter if you are in a mobile home. Stay away from windows on the lowest level of the building. If caught outside, get in a car, buckle up and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. Never

seek shelter under a bridge and only lie flat in a ditch as a last resort.

After a tornado, beware of downed power lines, broken gas lines and sharp/dangerous debris. Avoid damaged areas. Stay off roads to allow rescue workers to clear passage and follow instructions from local officials.

Severe thunderstorms can also be deadly, with lightning, high winds and hail.

Lightning is the most formidable hazard during storms. There is no safe place outdoors during a thunderstorm, according to the NWS, so the best place to be is indoors. To slightly minimize the risk of being struck by lightning, recommendations include avoiding open fields, the tops of ridges and hills, tall, isolated trees, water, wet items and metal objects.

Tents and open air buildings like picnic shelters will not protect people from lightning.

Indoors, do not touch electrical equipment or electronics plugged into the wall; stay off corded phones and avoid plumbing; stay away from windows and doors and stay off porches; and do not lie on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls.

Motorists in a hardtop car are safe from lightning if they close all windows and do not touch metal objects in See STORMS on other side



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From the Blotter

A 16-year-old Hoopeston boy was ticketed after a traffic stop at 6:18 p.m. Friday at Main and Market. He was cited for operating motor vehicle when registration for no insurance and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Elbert W. Cannon, 57, of Hoopeston, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, was arrested at 1:35 a.m. Saturday in the 200 block of North Market. He was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Lydia N. Suver, 26, of Woodland, was arrested after a traffic stop at 2:17 a.m. Saturday at South Sixth Ave. and West Orange. She was ticketed for DUI BAC over .08, driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage and released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Moises A. Torres, 40, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:15 p.m. Sunday in the 800 block of East Young. Wanted on a Vermilion County no-bond warrant and charged with aggravated assault, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A 16-year-old Covington, Ind., boy was ticketed after a traffic stop at 8:49 p.m. Sunday at South Market and East Chestnut. He was cited for no valid driver's license and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Kevin Rahn, 19, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 8:52 p.m. Monday at West Main and South Eighth Ave. He was charged with operating motor vehicle with expired registration and stop sign violation and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Court Dispositions

January 10, 2024

Alaura D. Hall, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Cole A. Alkire, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for unlawful acts constituting disorder, default entered; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Kelsey N. Roach, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for theft; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Seann T. Cremonesi, Rankin, failed to appear for unlawful acts constituting disorder, default entered; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Storms continued from other side

the car. NWS recommends pulling to the side of the road and turning on hazard lights for safety.

Both tornados and thunderstorms can result in flooding, the final warm weather severe weather hazard. People are advised not to drive through floodwaters, around barricades on flooded streets and not walk into floodwaters. Residents should also know severe storm terminology, including

Watch: whether for a tornado or severe thunderstorm, a watch means conditions could lead to the formation of severe weather. This is the time to prepare to take action in case the situation escalates to a

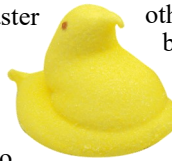
Warning: in the case of a tornado, one has been

Peep Hoopeston Public Library's Peeps Diorama Contest

Peeps - love 'em or hate 'em, they're an Easter staple. And now, they're an art form.

Hoopeston Public Library is holding a Peeps Diorama Contest, using the sugary, spongy chicks and bunnies as characters in the diorama.

Each diorama must have a theme related to something in the library: book, DVD, magazine or



spotted or indicated by radar. There is imminent danger and action should be taken immediately to seek safe shelter. In the case of a severe thunderstorm warning, action should be taken to keep away from hazards both inside and outdoors.

Tornado Emergency: an exceedingly rare situation with a severe threat to human life and catastrophic damage due to a confirmed violent tornado. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.

Winds that don't spin can also cause severe damage. High winds from downbursts and straight-line winds cause more damage than nearly 75 percent of the tornados that occur in Illinois. On average, around 520 re-

other. Dioramas should be constructed from a cardboard box/platform no larger than 20"x20" and stable enough to move around. All characters must be portrayed by Peeps and there must be at least one Peep in each diorama. The construction can include any shape, color or flavor of Peep.

Each diorama should have a title displayed on the front. Those entering dioramas should not put their names on them. Each will receive an entry number when they are brought to the library.

Judging will be done in four age categories: Child, ages 8 and younger; Tween 9-12; Teen, 12-18; Adult 19 and over; and Family category for children and parents working together. One prize will be awarded in each category. HPL reserves the right to combine categories based on the number of entries received.

Entries may be taken to the library main desk on March 21-23. Judging will be March 21. Creations will be on display until April 1.

Weather

Clouds today. High 55. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 36. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of rain late. High 55, low 45.

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ports of thunderstorm-related wind damage is reported each year.

Derecho is another type of wind that can cause damage. On June 29, 2023, Illinois was hit by a derecho with winds of 80-115 mph - equal to the wind speed of an EF2 tornado.

VCEMA has more storm and safety information on its website, www.vercounty.org/emergency-mangement or its Facebook page, [vermillionEMA](https://www.facebook.com/vermillionEMA).

Additional information is at www.weather.gov/ilx/severe-prep.

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